THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The Screening Committee, inter-alia, comprises the senior most police officers as they are well suited to appreciate the training needs and potential of police officers, to make appropriate recommendations.

(b) The selection is made in accordance with the specific guidelines on the subject.

(c) In the reconstituted Screeing Committee one member is taken from amongst the Directors General of Central Police Organisations (CPOs) by rotation and, thus Directors General of all CPOs are involved in the Screening Committee by rotation.

(d) to (f) All recommendations of the Screening Committee are now submitted to the Union Home Minister for approval.

Terrorist Activities in H.P.

1716. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the terrorist have extended their area of operation to Himachal Pradesh particularly in Chamba district of the State;

(b) if so, what are the details of the terrorist activities in the State during the last four months;

(c) what action has been taken by Government; and

(d) the details of any joint action plan with the neighbouring State, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Instances of terrorist activities in Himachal Pradesh have come to notice. According to avilable information during the last four months, two policemen have been killed and two extremists have been arrested.

(c) and (d) State Government is alive to the situation in the State and is keeping a close watch on terrorist activities. Ministry of Home Affairs is holding periodic meetings with Police Chiefs of the States and Central agencies to take coordinated measures to deal with terrorits and to strengthen anti-terrorist operations and to have frequent exchange/sharing of information about movements and hideouts of terrorits.

Impact of Ethnic Clashes on Kukis

1717. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Kukis fled to Imphal due to ethnic clashes; and

(b) what are the details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) In the wake of the Naga/Kuki ethnic clashes in Manipur over 35,000 people had migrated in August-September, 1993 because their houses/huts were burnt/destroyed. 61 relief camps were set up. The Government of Manipur was, inter-alia, advised to energise the official machinery to give proper attention to the inmates in the Relief Camps and to make appropriate arrangements for speedy distribution of relief supplies of food, clothes, bankets, utencils to them. The State Government has also advised to provide necessary security cover to groups of people to enable them to harvest the standing crop in view of the disturbed conditions.